

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, September 21, 2009, 4:30pm, at City Hall in the Lower Level Conference Room.

Present at said meeting were Garnet Peck, Mike Dana, Karen Springer, Mary Nauman, and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth, Brenda Lorenz and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Present from the City was council member Ann Hunt. Absent from the Board was Richard Shockley and Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen.

Garnet convened the Board at 4:30pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Karen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Superintendent** – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing
- Introduced Dan Dunten, our part-time Stewardship Coordinator

**Assistant Superintendent** – Pennie reported on the following:

- The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Global Fest was held on Saturday, September 5. The Naturalization Ceremony kicked off the weekend event with Mary Dennis speaking to the more than 75 new citizens. Global Fest was a success, thanks to our committee members – Karen for taking care of the Commercial Vendors; Mary for doing the publicity; Linda Eales for the Naturalization Ceremony; Ann Brandyberry for Volunteers; Tanny Dawson-Snyder for Entertainment; Dot Wankat for Food; Mindy Jester, International Welcome; Brenda for Cultural Booths and Lisa Ncube, Sonya Margerum and Nick Schenkel. I would also like to thank our sponsors; especially PEFCU and the Vectren Foundation. Without our sponsors, we would not be able to offer Global Fest. It cost approximately \$15,000. Next years event will be on Saturday, September 4.

**Parks** – Lee reported on the following:

- Playground and trail Inspections were presented.
- Still cleaning and modifying rink dasher boards
- Two seals were replaced in the glycol pumps at the rink and we received 495 gallons of glycol
- The drain work was completed at the pool
- Helped with Layflats, Global Fest and Art on the Wabash

**Recreation Report** – Chris reported on the following:

- Registrations are underway for all fall programs. Dance, pottery and yoga continue to be popular.
- Volleyball for grades 4, 5 and 6 began on Saturday, September 19. Thirty-two children are enrolled. Hali German Stout is coaching this program. Hali formerly coached volleyball for West Lafayette Junior High. The program is held at Happy Hollow School.
- Haan Marketing used the basketball courts at Cumberland Park to film Purdue Men's and Women's Basketball commercials.

**Morton Center** – Brenda reported on the following:

- The summer registration for Morton's classes is 1199 compared to last year's summer total of 1281. This is a decrease of 6%. Looking over the detailed breakdown, more art opportunities are needed for kids during the summer; I have been approached by several teachers that are interested in teaching art classes for kids
- Attended the Purdue Gold Rush Fair on August 18 and the Purdue Graduate Fair on August 21. The events were very well attended.
- Morton held an open house on Saturday, September 12. Unfortunately, the attendance was not good.
- Art on the Wabash was held Sunday, September 20.
- Bette Goodrich's art students will be displaying their work from October 15 to November 5 in room 106 at Morton. A reception will kick off the show from 7-9 pm on Thursday, October 15.
- As part of the Coalition for Living Well After 50, we are encouraging everyone to attend the Just Walk event, which is on Sunday, October 11. Family friendly activities take place at 1 pm and the walk starts at 2 pm at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. Participants in the free walk may walk one-half mile or a two-mile course. Door prizes will be awarded. Pre-registration forms are available at Morton. Participants are encouraged to continue to track steps and/or miles walked and walk the equivalent of the distance across Indiana.

**Old Business****Riverside Skating Center****Concrete Vault:**

Joe reported that quotes were received today from Mid-States General & Mechanical, Simon Construction and J.R. Kelly for doing the concrete vault (on the east side of the rink, where the chilling system headers connect with the piping in the concrete rink floor). The apparent low quote is Mid-States for \$9,650, and we hope to move ahead with that work soon. The Redevelopment Commission has authorized using up to \$100,000 of appropriated Levee-Village TIF funds for parks improvements for the rink repair work.

**Ice Mat:**

Joe reported that we also have received an apparent low quote from Everything Ice (John Burley's new company; Burley Rink Supplies originally put in our rink chilling system) for an ice mat system. The quote of \$59,200 was more than \$8,500 less than the quote from Ice Rink Events, the next lowest responder. Everything Ice has also helped us put together an insurance claim for the rink chilling system repair through the "steam boiler coverage" that is part of our insurance policy. Everything Ice has also proposed repairing the existing rink by cutting out the outer one foot or so all the way around the rink, exposing the pipes, and replacing the plastic "U" joints with steel "U" joints. The repair would be done after we close in the spring of 2010, and we could receive \$24,500 credit (after product depreciation and set-up costs) for "trading in" the ice mat we would use this winter. There would be a three-year warranty on the repair work. Lee noted he had spoken to the park director in Taos, and he said he has been very pleased with that same type of repair work that Burley did for them nine years ago and "that is the way to go." A web link to files with photographs of the work in Taos was provided. We are waiting for the contract detailing the proposal.

Lee reported he has talked to one of the park directors using the ice mat and he had recommended getting away from the mat if possible because of the maintenance of moving the mat around and getting it in place each year. Lee also said he had made phone calls to people that have the Burley ice mat, but he has been getting answering machines. Lee said the Frieje Company thought the freezing and thawing, because of our climate and hydraulic pressure from our rink being on a hill (most rinks are designed for water to flow away) caused our problem. Mike expressed concerns about making the repairs to the concrete if the ground will still be shifting due to the freezing and thawing and thought we should either plan to use the mat or figure out how we can prevent the ground from shifting. Lee said Frieje recommended drainage work around the outside of the rink to help drain water away. Mike then asked what we know about the Burley mat. Joe stated that both the Everything Ice and Ice Rink Events mat manufacturers have provided a list of references, and Lee is still trying to talk to those references. Lee said he thought the Everything Ice mat is better because it can handle higher pressures.

#### **TAF Mural:**

TAF received submittals for the proposed mural on the rink surface. This is year two of what TAF hopes is an on-going program, with public murals being painted by Cary Home children under the direction of an artist. Last year they coordinated the mural on the Twyckenham bridge abutment in Lafayette. The Greater Lafayette Community Foundation and PEFCU fund the program. Joe met with TAF and explained that the rink may have some of the concrete removed next year and some cracks may also be repaired. Three other possible locations for a mural were discussed: the northwest abutment "face" for the Myers Bridge (visible from the rink); the landing area where the steps come down off the ramp that circles the plaza; or the concrete surface on the overlook at Brown Street. Joe said that TAF would like the Park Board to consider one of the two designs they suggest (a geometric starburst-type design or fish with frogs on lily pads) at one of the possible alternative locations because they'd like to get a project done this year. Mike did not think that either design would work on the other proposed locations. Mary asked if TAF could ask for an extension of the grant money for the project so the best artwork and location could be matched. Joe commented that it could be tabled and brought up for discussion at the Board meeting next month, noting that "technically" we do not own the side of the bridge (owned by the City). Mike asked that the staff look around the park system and see where else we have flat surfaces that might be conducive for a mural.

#### **Fitness Trail**

Joe said we are requesting quotes for the track rehabilitation and working on the design for the areas around the track.

#### **Redevelopment Commission**

The commission met last week and passed the 2010 budget. Items related to Parks are: \$100,000 for riverfront area improvements, to include the river access connection for the boat house; \$225,000 for the local 20 percent match for the INDOT Transportation Enhancement grant for the Wabash Heritage Trail extension along North River Road into Happy Hollow Park; and \$25,000 for Northwest Greenway Trail landscaping.

## **New Business**

### **Cumberland Avenue**

Joe passed around a drawing of the Cumberland Avenue project and the schedule for the first phase construction. The first phase is for redoing the piece east of US 52 to a new roundabout at Cumberland and Kent, including improvements for the crossing for bicyclists and pedestrians at US 52 and Cumberland. The landscaping in that part of Cumberland Avenue will then be taken care of by Purdue Research Foundation, except for the reconstructed biofiltration "pond" at US 52 and Cumberland.

### **West Lafayette School Board** – Karen reported the following:

- 2009-2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the WLEA teachers union has been approved. Teachers will not receive a percent increase but will receive the incremental increase. Administrators will not receive a raise.
- Happy Hollow School project was re-bid and at our September 16 meeting approved Gilliatte General Contractors. Work will begin soon. Completion is expected around this time next year.
- Last Wednesday Drs. Larry DeBoer and David Hummels gave a community presentation on short and long term funding solutions for the West Lafayette school district. They analyzed incomes and expenses for the school corporation, state changes to the school formula, and made five and ten year projections. It appears a tax referendum maybe a mechanism we will have to use to increase our revenue stream.

### **Wabash River**

No Report

### **Other**

None

### **Pay Claims**

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Karen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary